

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

An Information Disclosure Statement and Certification are submitted herewith. Acknowledgment of consideration thereof is respectfully requested.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 7-9 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Features of allowable claim 9 have been incorporated into base claim 2, and claim 9 has been canceled.

Allowable claims 7 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form to include features of base claim 1.

Also, elements of original claims 6-9 have been placed in clear non-means-plus-function format.

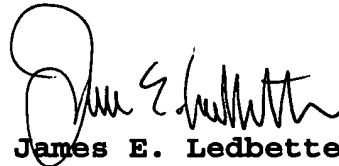
Allowance of claims 2, 7, and 8 and all claims dependent therefrom is deemed to be warranted.

Claims 1, 3, and 5 have been canceled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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